

McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the abuse of Iraqi prisoners began with an abuse of power by the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Rumsfeld. Justice will be served in Iraq only when America accepts responsibility for the prisoner abuse in Abu Ghraib and fires Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Secretary Rumsfeld and the administration can deny all they want, but the truth will not be denied. White House lawyers wrote memos about it. They tortured the English language until the President and the top civilians at the Pentagon were satisfied they could do whatever they wanted, manipulate the data, make it seem like truth. That has been the administration's approach in Iraq.

Secretary Rumsfeld pretended the Geneva Convention did not exist. Apparently it had too many constraints, like humane treatment of prisoners. Rumsfeld himself approved interrogation practices they are now trying to cover up by classifying them as secret.

Rumsfeld thought the world would never know. Mr. Nixon thought that too. Mr. Rumsfeld thought he could deny for so long the people would get tired and stop asking questions. Nixon's henchmen in the White House thought that too.

Rumsfeld thought a wave of the hand and attacking your critics could manipulate the news media into looking the other way. Nixon tried that too and it did not work.

The truth catches up with you, Mr. Rumsfeld. Like a Republican President who disgraced this country, Secretary Rumsfeld has abused the trust America has placed in its leaders. No one is above the law, not even those who show contempt for the law.

Torture is torture, Mr. Rumsfeld, no matter what you call it.

The abuse of power Secretary Rumsfeld triggered at the Pentagon has made Iraq even more dangerous for U.S. soldiers on the front lines. There is no excuse for that. There is no defense for that.

America cannot believe the pictures we have seen who came from people who call this country home. Secretary Rumsfeld tortured the U.S. values with its total disregard for a military code of conduct that applies in war.

The Geneva Convention was written to protect people in war from people like Secretary Rumsfeld, but he has dishonored this country and the tradition of the U.S. military. Instead of accepting the responsibility, the administration keeps throwing soldiers overboard in hopes that the question will stop before the truth emerges.

The latest casualty is General Janis Karpinski, who calls herself a "convenient scapegoat." With the blessing of Secretary Rumsfeld, she says, the Abu Ghraib prison was "Gitmoed."

General Karpinski points to the top U.S. Commander for Iraq, General Ricardo Sanchez. Rumsfeld just rotated

him out of the country. Out of sight, out of mind, that is the view of Mr. Rumsfeld. General Karpinski asks what was asked during the Nixon administration as they desperately tried to cover up Watergate. What did he know and when did he know it?

General Karpinski says that Sanchez needs to be questioned about the abuse. Rumsfeld says Sanchez needs a well-deserved rest after a trying time in Iraq. General Karpinski says the military commander in charge at Guantanamo Bay, Major General Geoffrey Miller, likened Iraqi prisoners to dogs. She quotes him, "They are like dogs and if you allow them to believe at any point that they are more than a dog, then you have lost control of them."

Secretary Rumsfeld is responsible for a military scandal that has commanders equating human beings with animals and treating them even worse.

The first step in restoring U.S. credibility is removing the weakest link in the U.S. military chain of command. That is the man at the top. Mr. Rumsfeld forgot that in war a nation must not only fight the enemy, it must also fight to retain its values. America should be a country that stands for bravery. Rumsfeld has made America a nation that is ashamed. Either resign or get fired. That is what the President ought to do, Mr. Speaker.

America deserves better than this. When they catch an American in Iraq and they say we will treat him like they treated the prisoners at Abu Ghraib, everybody gets up in arms and says what is going on here. Mr. Rumsfeld is to blame. Whatever happens to that American is because the Secretary of War in this country acted not in the America's best interest, but in the belief that he could do anything because he was the Secretary of War.

REVISIONS TO THE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS AND BUDGETARY AGGREGATES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004 AND 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSLE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD revisions to the 302(a) allocations to the Appropriations Committee and budgetary aggregates established by the budget resolution. These revisions increase the amount of new budget authority available to the House Appropriations Committee to reflect both technical changes and additional funds for wildland fire suppression provided by the Interior appropriations bill reported to the House today. My authority to make these adjustments is derived from sections 312 and 313 of S. Con. Res. 95, as made applicable to the House of Representatives by H. Res. 649 (108th Congress).

Section 313 of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 95 provides for an increase in budget authority and outlays to the House Appropriations Committee upon report-

ing of the first bill by that committee. This increase, which totals \$7,158,000,000 in new budget authority and \$14,516,000,000 in outlays, is necessary both to increase the discretionary levels from the discretionary limits that are binding in the Senate (by virtue of Section 504 of the fiscal year budget resolution) to the levels envisioned by the conference agreement, and to achieve comparability in the budgetary treatment of Project Bioshield between the President's budget request and the conference agreement. I am hereby increasing the allocation and budgetary aggregates by these amounts.

Section 312 of S. Con. Res. 95 provides for a supplemental increase in budget authority and outlays to the House Appropriations Committee if additional funds are provided in 2004 or 2005 for wildland fire suppression. The adjustment is available for fiscal year 2005 if regular appropriations provided by the reported bill are at least 10-year average of obligations for such activities. Because this requirement has been met, I am increasing the 302(a) allocation of budget authority to the Appropriations Committee by \$500,000,000 in both 2004 and 2005 to reflect the additional amounts provided in the Interior appropriations bill. Outlays flowing from this budget authority total \$330,000,000 in 2004 and \$420,000,000 in 2005.

After the adjustments specified in these two sections, the 302(a) allocation to the House Committee on Appropriations becomes \$786,065,000,000 in budget authority and \$861,672,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2004 and \$821,919,000,000 in budget authority and \$905,748,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2005. The corresponding budgetary aggregates become \$1,881,055,000,000 in budget authority and \$1,903,832,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2004 and \$2,012,726,000,000 in budget authority and \$2,010,964,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2005.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4568, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-544) on the resolution (H. Res. 674) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4568) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4567, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-545) on the resolution (H. Res. 675) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes,